GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4292
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NATIONAL POLICY ON COOPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to the Starred Question No.167 dated August 2, 2001 and state:

(a) if the policy has since been formulated and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the chairman is to be elected from amongst the existing elected directors in the Kendriya Bhandar or from amongst the newly elected directors and delegates;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether as per the MSCS Act, 2000 there is no distinction between the members viz. whetherserving or retired but a distinction has been made in the revised bye-laws of the Kendriya Bhandarwherein retired Government servants have not been retained as members of the society;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) whether there is any proposal to guarantee the membership rights to retired Government servants; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Central Government has formulated a new National Policy on Co-operatives aimedat the all round development of the co-operatives and their economic viability. The focus of the National Policy is on professionalisation of co-operatives and democratisation of their management to facilitate their development as self-reliant and economically viable organisations providing their members improved access anticipated in various economic spheres, safeguarding them against market imperfections and bestowing on them the advantages of collective action. The Government as a facilitator, will provide necessary support, encouragement and assistance to co-operative societies to ensure that they work as autonomous, self-reliant and viable economic enterprises.

(b)&(c): The Chairman of a Multi State Co-operative Society including Kendriya Bhandar is to bœlected from amongst the elected directors of the Board as per the provisions of MSCS Act, 2002 and rules framed thereunder.

(d)&(e): The Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 provides for distinction between a memberand an associate member. The bye-laws of Kendriya Bhandar provides for making retired Government servants as Associate Members which is in conformity with the provisions of the Act.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Question does not arise.